

JUDGES ARE CHOSEN.

two years, and shall receive a salary of \$500 per annum. Deputy county wardens may be appointed, upon request of the county warden, for each county of the State, said deputies to receive no salary, but to receive a patron of the fines resulting from a violation of the laws.

Mr. George C. Bland introduced a bill to lay off, designate, and survey the natural oyster-beds, rocks, and shoals in York river, in the county of King and Queen.

Mr. J. E. Booker introduced a bill to amend and re-enact section 314 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved March 4, 1896, prescribing the penalties of bonds of county officers. The measure provides that said bonds shall be such as the court or judge may require, but not less than the amount to be received annually by him.

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. George C. Bland introduced two bills proposing amendments to the Constitution, which are both in the line of economy. One of these measures provides that members of the General Assembly be elected for four years, and to serve two terms. The second measure proposes to merge the elections with those of November. The object of these proposed amendments is to save expense to the Commonwealth in conducting elections, and to prevent agitation in the country.

Mr. William G. Williams offered a bill proposing to amend the constitution so as to reduce the membership of the House of Delegates to not more than sixty nor less than fifty delegates. This would reduce the membership almost half, as at present the law provides that there shall not be more than one hundred or less than ninety. It would require the redistricting of the State, but no provision is made for this.

PRINTING OF BILLS.

Mr. C. M. Wallace, Jr., offered the following resolution, which was adopted: "Resolved, That the Committee on Rules be, and it is hereby, requested to consider and report to the House a change in the rules providing for the printing of bills of a general nature, not otherwise provided for, upon their introduction."

PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

The following bills were introduced and referred to the proper committees:

By Mr. R. S. Parks: To amend and re-enact section 317 of the Code of Virginia, providing for oaths to be taken by the deputies of certain city and county officers.

By Mr. T. D. Jennings: Providing for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the benefit of the Girls' Reform School, of Lynchburg, Va.

By Mr. R. G. Wood: To prohibit the hunting of wild fowl between the hours of sunset and sunrise upon the waters of the Commonwealth in the counties of Chesterfield, Prince George, and Charles City.

By Mr. B. Winston: Petition from the faculty of Randolph-Macon College, praying for a law, requiring the public schools to teach hygiene, and also the effect of alcohol and narcotics.

By Mr. W. C. Carrington: To pension Mrs. Maria Farrar, widow of a Confederate soldier.

By J. L. Anderson: To pension Mrs. J. A. Wilkinson, the widow of a Confederate soldier.

By same: To amend and re-enact section 230 of the Code of Virginia in regard to negotiable notes and checks.

By Mr. Cooke: To ratify and confirm the consolidation of the City Gas-Light Company of Norfolk, and the Norfolk Gas and Electric Company, under the name of the City Gas Company, of Norfolk.

By same: To incorporate the People's Light, Fuel, and Power Company of Norfolk, Va.

By Mr. Charles Smith: For the relief of John B. Read, late Treasurer of Northampton county, and his co-defendants.

By Mr. E. W. Saunders: Providing that in any case in which an action of covenant will lie, there may be maintained an action of assumpsit.

By Mr. R. W. Winborne: For the relief of Joseph Spence, a Confederate veteran of the city of Buena Vista.

By same: To amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the collection of the fees of commissioners of revenue, approved March 3, 1895.

By Mr. Cooke: To amend and re-enact section 569 of the Code of Virginia, relative to treasurer restrained from collecting; how money be refunded.

By Mr. R. W. Winborne: To amend and re-enact section 888 of the Code, relating to payment of costs and expenses in prosecution for vagrancy. The measure provides that such costs shall be paid out of the amount received from the hire of such vagrant, and no case shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

By same: To amend and re-enact section 523 of the Code, relating to the fees of the jailer.

By Mr. N. B. Early, Jr.: To withhold from the county and corporation courts jurisdiction of cases in which the constitutional rights of the General Assembly are called in question.

REDUCTION OF JUDGES' SALARIES.

Mr. Winborne's bill reducing the salaries of county judges, referred to above, provoked considerable discussion, and was finally ordered to its engrossment. Under the present law the State pays a salary of \$300 to every judge in a county where the population is not less than 1,000 above that number of inhabitants. Mr. Winborne's bill provides that the salary shall be \$200 in counties with population as stated above, with an additional \$10 for every 1,000 inhabitants over that number.

The bill was taken up out of its order under a suspension of the rules, and Mr. Winborne explained its provisions at length. Mr. Willard did not think the salaries of the county judges should be reduced. Mr. Carter, of Scott, was decidedly opposed to the bill, and Mr. Jordan, of that gentleman had a lively little spat, one with the other, the charge being made by each that the other one was not sufficiently acquainted with the subject under discussion to talk upon it. Mr. Jordan desired to know why Scott county drew from the State several thousands of dollars more than any other county. He also declared that it appeared that the name of one woman was on the docket with criminal charges against her, at least once a month.

Mr. Carter invited his questioner and any other gentleman who desired to do so to come to Scott county and investigate. He people, he said, believed in conducting criminal cases according to the law, and not in marshalling an army to wipe out the offenders, as was done in certain counties.

THE BILL A GOOD ONE.

Mr. Anderson, of Richmond, was heartily in favor of the measure, while Mr. Saunders and Mr. Parks opposed it. The

A Fur Furore.

A double chance for a present through the medium of a special purchase of Furs. Your price will buy this week a piece of fur nearly twice as nice, be it a \$2 Fur or a \$25 Fur, but it will form a grander gift.



Celluloid Photo Album, 98c., elaborately decorated, holding 18 photos—98c.

Sterling Silver Canes, CHOICE FOR \$1.

Elegant Natural Wood Canes, all with sterling silver trimmings, worth \$2 to \$5. A special purchase.

Gold Plate Onyx Tables, each one warranted, six lots, \$4.49 to \$19.

Doll Sale, 50c. Patent Jointed Dolls, like this picture, fine kid bodies, 17 inches tall, sold for \$1. This week 50c.

Plated Silver Top Tobacco Jars, like this picture, also Puff Boxes of same design, 25c.

CHILDREN'S LARGE FURNITURE. SPECIAL ASSORTMENT. Writing Desks, 69c. to \$4.99. Washstands, \$2.19 to \$4.99. Bedsteads, 99c. to \$5.99. Chairs, 10c. to 98c.

UMBRELLA SALE, \$4.50 AND \$5. English Silk Umbrellas, for ladies and men, some sterling silver, natural wood, some sterling silver, overland pearl; some gold-plated with jeweled setting, \$4.50 and \$5.

SALE OF DOLLS, \$1. From 14 to 24 inches tall, Finest French Bisque Dolls, and jointed bodies, some with human hair, many costing up to \$1.50, for \$1.

BISQUE DOLLS, 18c. Shoes and Stockings, natural Hair, real special bargain, 18c.

EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEF SALE. 1,500 direct from Switzerland. Some All-Linear, 12c. Some Overland Work, 7c. Some Applique Work, 25c. Others, 37c. and 50c. Boxes free with 50c. worth of Handkerchiefs.

SALE OF SILK INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS. For men, large size, open work, hemstitched, initial being worked in wash silk, 12c. For ladies, large size, open work, hemstitched, initial worked in wash silk, 12c.

For ladies, Open-Work, Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, initial worked in wash silk, 10c.

JULIUS MEYER'S SONS, 6TH AND BROAD.

"As We Buy So We Sell."

We propose to keep these words forever ringing in the ears of the purchasing public. Whenever we have a real good thing our customers shall share in it.



The Cloak Sale that started here one week ago is one of the best good things—we ever had the good fortune to present. Briefly, one of the great

Cloak makers of New York wanted cash—wanted it badly—and was willing to sacrifice heavily in order to get it quickly. We came to his aid, and these Coats are here for you to choose from at half price.

200 Coats and Jackets, including heavy Boucle Coats, made box front and storm collar; Plain Beaver Coats, fly-front, storm collar, half silk lined; Gray Mixed Irish Frieze Coats, storm collar, box front; choice..... \$2.99

Heavy All-Wool Curly Boucle Cloths, silk faced; Black and Navy Blue Fine Imported Kersey Coats, trimmed in straps of same material; Tan Covert Cloth Coats, box front, storm collar, Black Diagonal Serge Coats..... \$5

Black Russian Blouse, edged with fur, and lined throughout with good satin; Black and Blue Kersey Coats, lined all through, and trimmed with straps of same material; Heavy Caterpillar Boucle Cloths, lined throughout with heaviest satin; Blue Beaver Cloths, lined all through with changeable Taffeta, shield front, storm collar; take your choice for \$7.50

Five entire lines of high-priced garments, costing up to \$18, including Russian Blouses, Kerseys, Cheviots, Meltons, and Coverts, silk-lined, some with fancy silk, others with plain Taffeta; some braided and embroidered, fancy trimmed; others strictly tailor-made, best winter colorings; sale price \$10

SPECIAL SILKS. FOR XMAS PRESENTS. 20-inch Fancy Changeable Figured Taffeta, for silk waists and trimmings, 38c. 20-inch Black Gros-Grain Silk, worth 40c., for 35c. 21-inch Changeable Taffeta, with small figures, for fancy waists, worth 40c., for 35c. 20-inch Black Gros-Grain Silk, worth 40c., for 35c. 21-inch Plain Taffeta, for waists, worth 40c., for 35c. 21-inch Colored Moire Velours, Brown, Plum, and Gold, for separate skirts, 50c. 21-inch Black Gros-Grain Brocade, handsome, new designs, worth \$1.25, for 90c. 21-inch Black Satin Duchess Brocade, small and large designs, extra heavy quality, worth \$1.50, for 1.10. 21-inch Black Gros-Grain Brocade, handsome, new designs, worth \$1.25, for 90c. 21-inch Black Satin Duchess Brocade, small and large designs, extra heavy quality, worth \$1.50, for 1.10. 21-inch Black Gros-Grain Brocade, handsome, new designs, worth \$1.25, for 90c. 21-inch Black Satin Duchess Brocade, small and large designs, extra heavy quality, worth \$1.50, for 1.10.

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TRADE MARK. CORNER SIXTH AND BROAD. 'BIG DRY GOODS STORE' OPEN EVERY NIGHT TILL 10 O'CLOCK. TOY BUYING MADE EASY.

The arrangement of our Toy Store with separate counters for each price article has proved a great boon to all shoppers. From the 5c. Table, 10c. Table, 15c. Table, 19c. Table, 25c. Table, 45c. Table, 95c. Table, and higher priced tables you can easily select what you want, while the special sales to close the larger lots of Toys will bring to you many high-priced Toys at nominal prices.

600 Bagatelle Marble Games, 5c., were 10c. Iron Trick Banks, 75c., were 90c. Largest 7c. Size Paper Dolls, with outfit, complete, for 19c. Complete Drugstores, usually 50c., for 39c. Complete Markets, usually 50c., for 39c. Complete Warehouses, usually 75c., for 59c. 1,000 of the 2c. Cut-Up Picture Puzzles, in large boxes, for 10c. All three styles of the 2c. Double Rolling Chairs this week for 15c. The 1c. Camera, Leather Covered, with two plates, will do the work of the 5c. camera, for \$1.99.

A GREAT OFFER OF STANDARD BOOKS. real Buckram bound, gilt-top pages and gilt titles. AT 25c. A VOLUME. comprising works of George Eliot, Emerson, Hawthorne, Dickens, Smiles, Dumas, Lyall, Jules Verne, Grimm, Scott, Charlotte Bronte, The Duchess, Cooper, Hawthorne, Whitier, etc., etc.

FRANK LESLIE'S XMAS BOOK. 200 pages of finest stories for boys and girls, beautiful illuminated covers, leather back, half cloth, colored frontispiece, at special sale here.....19c. 1c. Game of Shopping for 39c.

GREAT SALE OF GAMES. Parchess, 1 game, for 69c. 5c. Shovel-Board, for 15c. 5c. Whistling Party for 10c. Spier's Imported 50c. Games, with boards and figures complete, for 25c. 19 Board and Card Games, the former season's 25c. games—Solitaire, Golf, Fish-Pond, Yacht-Race, Sweet Wedding Bells, and many others—for 10c. each.

About 1,000 of the largest 10c. Board Games, in boxes actually 6 inches square, every game complete, comprising Go-Round, Leap-Frog, Lawn Tennis, Yacht Race, Donkey Party, and many others, at 5c. each. 1c. Game of Shopping for 39c. SALE OF DRESSED BISQUE DOLLS. The Cute Kick-Up Bisque Dolls, dressed in silk, knitted dresses and caps, each doll in a box, for 17c. Natural-Hair Kick-Up Dolls, 10c.

SILVER-PLATED CRUMB TRAYS, \$1. Heavy Triple-Plated Crumb Trays and Scrapers, engraved, were \$2.50, entire set for \$1. SALE OF LORNETTE FRAMES, 50c. Heavy Gold-Plated Photo. Frames, cabinet size, heretofore selling at \$1, a special lot here 30c.

SALE OF GARTERS IN BOXES, 25c. Fancy Silk Garters, each box 25c. 19c. Single or double, glass-top box. 25c. STERLING-SILVER GARTERS, \$1.50. Fancy Silk Garters, with Sterling Silver Buckles, satin bow, each in glass-top box, 15c. SALE OF BOX PAPERS, 15c. Newest and most stylish tints Swallow Blue, Coral Pink, Pansy, Purple Orchid, Pinks and Blues, Envelopes to match, in 10c. boxes.

SALE OF CHILDREN'S FUR SETS. Boas, Collars, and Caps, and Muffs: White Coyote, 50c. set. White Lamb, 40c. set. White Angora, 41c. set. Turkish Angora, 41.49c. set. White Krimmer, 42.25c. set. White Lamb, 41c. set. SALE OF MUSIC ROLLS. Real Leather, Seal, and Calf-Skin. Blacks, Tans, Greens, and other colors, 60c. each; worth 75c. SALE OF LEATHER WRITING TABLETS, 75c. Black Seal Leather Writing Tablets, 100 of them in a special lot, every one complete, worth 75c., for 50c.

SALE OF MEN'S FURNISHINGS. Some special lots of Gloves, Hosiery, and Ties for this week. GOLDFISH AND GLOBE, 25c. Japanese Goldfish, each in globe aquarium, 25c. LITTLE BOYS' FANCY OVERCOATS, \$2.50. One of the greatest sales of the year. Beautiful Light and Dark Fancy Overcoats, worth \$2.50, for \$1.50. Little Boys' Fancies, \$1.30 to \$5. About 200 in all; fancy and solid colors; some with braided and some embroidered. About one-third off regular clothing prices.

BOYS' NEW BOX COATS, \$5.99. Little Boys' 4 to 8-years, Dark Tan Coats, velvet collars, usually costing \$5, for \$3.99. SALE OF BOYS' REEFERS, \$4.99. Sizes 3 to 8 years, comprising Chinchilla, Little Boy's, Kid, Kerseys, Garnet, Astrachan, Two-Tone Astrachans, garments as fine as can be matched.

SALE OF EIDERDOWN QUILTS, \$3.99. French Satine Cord Eiderdown Quilts, an ideal Xmas present, \$3.99. SALE OF PLUS HUGGY ROBES, Handsome designs, \$3.98 to \$5.50.

JULIUS MEYER'S SONS, 6TH AND BROAD.

Sterling-Silver Articles. Each piece warranted 25-100 fine. Boxes to suit them in. These articles ready for selling this week: FOR 25c. Heavy Chased Silver and Gilt Jewelled Girdles. 6-inch-long Heavy Pearl Paper Cutters. Chasing Edge Hat-Marks. Sterling Violet-Holders. 6-inch-long Sterling Shoe Buttons. Sterling and Calf Leather Shoe Tags. Sterling Top Wax Emorys. Sterling Tie-Holders. Sterling Knives and Files combined. Long Sterling Handle Baby Combs. Bead Edge Colonial Pattern Sterling and Cut - Glass. 4-inch Sterling and Pearl Paper Cutters. 4-inch Sterling and Pearl Paper Cutters. Children's 6-Karat Gold and Stone-Set Rings. Roman Fox-Tail Chain, for attaching vinaigrettes and longnettes. Jewelled Hat-Pins. Pearl Sterling Stemless Wire Cuff and Sterling Handled Top Emorys. Sterling Silver and Rhinestone Ear-Drops and Screws. Sterling Silver Dumb Bells and Beau Brummel Links. FOR 14c. Sterling Seals, Files, Erasers, Glove Buttons, Tweezers, Paper Cutters, with silk tassels. FOR 45c. Sterling Mounted Dressing Combs. Gentlemen's Sterling Mounted Combs. Sterling Satchel Tags. Stationery Sets, complete with sterling Erasers, Seal and Paper Cutters. Long-Handle Sterling Stamp Moisteners. 6-inch Heavy Sterling "Prince of Wales" Pattern Files and Shoe Buttons. Heavy Sterling-Top Salts and Peppers. Sterling Handled Top Emorys. Sterling Lemonade Spoons. 6-inch-long Sterling Handled Top Emorys. 6-inch-long Sterling Handle and Pearl Paper Cutters. Jewelled Set and Filigree Garter Buckles. Handsome Jewelled Set Girdles. Children's Sterling Lock Bracelets. Gilt Chateleine Watch Chains. Memorandum Tablet, and Pencil. Ladies' 6-Karat Gold and Jewelled Set Rings. 10c. Roman and Silver Fox-Tail Chains, with slides. FOR 59c. Sterling Top Cut-Glass Mueggele Bottles. 6-inch Heavy Sterling Handled Butters. 6-inch Heavy Sterling and Pearl Paper Cutters. Chased Edge Sterling Garter Buckles. Chased Sterling Napkin Rings. Heavy Sterling Handled Scissors. 3-inch Sterling Handled Roller Blotters. 6-inch Sterling Handled Top Emorys. Sterling and "Mother-of-Pearl" Pens and Paper Cutters, in case. Sterling Top Cut-Glass Mueggele Bottles. 6-inch Sterling Handled Nail-Brushes. 6-inch Sterling Tooth-Brushes. Jewelled Set of Chamberlains' memorandums, Vinaigrettes, and Pencil Attachments. Handsome Jewelled Set Girdles. Horse-Hair Wispes, 4-inch silver handles, 10c. value. Gold Lacquered Ink, with letters and pen-holders, per case and jewelled top, gold trimmed ink bottles, \$2.50 value, for \$1.50. 10c. CELESTINE. Miniature Colored-Filled Lamps and Shades, Glass-Top Filigree Pin Boxes, Silver Trays, Soap Cases, Candelabra, Cigar Cutters, Children's Sets (knife, fork, and spoon), in fancy lined boxes. Silver Jars, Smoking Sets, Jewelled Cases, Match Receivers, Rolling Blotters, and Gold-Top Wispes. Bottles, Gold Lined Cups, and Saucers. Inks, Hat-Brushes, Pen-Knives, Crum-Busters, Calendars, Candelabra, and big line of Photograph Frames. Tea Sets.....\$10. Toilet Sets.....\$15

Sale of Watches. Solid Gold All Colored Enamelled Chateleine Watches, guaranteed Swiss make, gold hands and dial, stem wind stem set, worth fully \$10— \$6.98.

Men's and Ladies' Bicycles, \$24.50. Celebrated Stormer-made, one year's written guarantee; colors, black and maroon, \$24.50.

Sale of Portieres, \$1.98. 3 1/2 yards long Damask Portieres, 50-inches wide, tied fringe top and bottom, 12 different colors, \$1.98.

Sale of Pipes in Cases, \$1. Real French Brier Pipes, gold plated, trimmed, each in leather case, complete \$1.

Sale of Wrappers, \$1.25. Dressmaker-Made Flannellette Wrappers, extra good quality, made very full, \$1.25. Two other lots 53c. and 89c.

Girls' and Boys' Hats, 69c. Fancy Feather Tamers for girls, of rough bottle; Scotch Plaid Velvet Tamers, for boys—all at 69c.

Sale of Dresden Clocks, 99c. Decorated China, valued at \$2, in this week's sale 99c.

Decorated Lamps, like picture all with globes, complete, six styles, 99c. to \$10.

Dividend Notices. The Board of Directors of the RICHMOND, FREDRICKSBURG AND POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY have declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS A SHARE on the common stock and dividend obligations of the company, payable January 1, 1898. The transfer books will be closed after the 20th of December, 1897, until the 30th of January, 1898. J. B. WINSTON, Treasurer. de 18-12a 1

Dividend Notices. The Board of Directors of the Petersburg Railroad Company have declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS A SHARE on the common stock and dividend obligations of the company, payable on the 1st day of January, 1898, to holders of the same of record on the 20th day of December, 1897, after which day the books of transfer will be closed until January 4, 1898. W. R. JONES, Treasurer. de 18-12a 1

Dividend Notices. The Board of Directors of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company have declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS A SHARE on the common stock and dividend obligations of the company, payable on the 1st day of January, 1898, to holders of the same of record on the 20th day of December, 1897, after which day the books of transfer will be closed until January 4, 1898. W. R. JONES, Treasurer. de 18-12a 1

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